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Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter –April/May 2024

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park)

Next meeting (maybe) MONDAY 10th June 2024.
6:30pm. (See notes)

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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Tamworth 4wd Club

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Association website : https://4wdnow.com
Association newsletters: https://4wdnow.com/pages/newsletters

2023-2024 Committee

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,
Victorian High Country trip is done and dusted. We had a blast, although Paul & Mel did not unfortunately. Writeup and pics are within.

The AGM was held. As at the time of writing this, minutes of the meeting and the monthly meeting are not available, so as time moves on, it was decided to simply send this out with the photo content from the High Country trip.

Also of note, is to decide if the next meeting is to be had or not. It will fall on the evening of the Monday on the long-weekend. The Long weekend is planned for an official trip to Water Gauge at Barrington. A vote thing and discussion needs to take place on our Facebook page, and then advertised if it will go ahead or not.

Don't forget Christmas in July at Wallabadah is yet again on.
We're not building the bonfire for nothing!
26-28th July. 'Springvale' 100 John Street, Wallabadah.
Other clubs more than welcomed to come along.
There is even water in the creek !

Graeme says : Keep the shiny side up.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. 13/May 2024

Meeting opened: 6:30pm.
Chair: Colin

No minutes taken

Trips: June Long Weekend Barrington Tops trip to Water Gauge.
Meet: somewhere in south Tamworth, stopping at Wallabadah and in Scone for fuel and other parties. Heading through Gundy, Moonan Flat, towards Elleston, Tomalla Station, past Devils Ark, on to PolyFogal Road. Then up the Carters Road Ridge Line track into the back of Barrington. This is an absolute beaut scenic track climbing up the ridge line. Please note, this is not the closed Carters Trail, this is the open public Carters Road track. From the Barrington Tops back boundary gate, its only a few kilometres in to Water Gauge. And only a few kilometres from the 68m single drop waterfall should anyone be interested in clambering down to this awesome waterfall.
If Water Gauge is full by the time we arrive, we can try the camp ground 200 metres further over, Failing this, backup plan will be to camp at The Cascades which is downstream a little further; access via Wombat Road. BRING LOTS & LOTS OF WARM CLOTHING !

At this stage meet at Wallabadah at ~9am for a meetup in Scone at around 10am at the park near Scone High School on Gundy Road.
ETA: water gauge around 12:30-1pm. Ch10 UHF.
For those interested please contact Col and/or Leanne.

Monthly meeting was then closed.

AGM Meeting opened.
People were voted on.
AGM Meeting was then closed.

TRIPS AND TRIP IDEAS

Water Gauge at Barrington Tops. - Col
June Long-weekend 2024.

Christmas in July 2024.
100 John Street, Wallabadah. 26-28th July.

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing. Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Family Fun Day Weekend - Richard.
A family fun day weekend (invite out to the public) to entice potential new club members. Three legged races for kids, novelty course. Billy boiling competition from nix, Cook off comp and/or camp oven night.

Terri-Hie-Hie to Ningulailly Pub - Richard.
Cruisey trip sightseeing the partial outback and end up at a pub.
Discussion about trip—may need to be a long weekend due to the five plus hour drive out. Further investigation on suitable time.
To be confirmed / thought out / designed.

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set and further info to be found.

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Coolah Tops trip – Dave.
Postponed until main forest road gates are re-opened.
Even with gates closed, can still go to two waterfalls (when not in drought), and around five camping locations. Need to book via National Parks.

Tamworth 4wd Club - Victorian High Country Trip - April 2024.

On Saturday 7th April, whilst Dave & Karma, Paul & Mel, and Colin & Leanne were all on their way towards our first meetup location at Cootamundra, Chrissy & I were still packing. At 10:30am on the following morning we finally managed to get away and we hit the road. Travelling through Premer and down towards Ballimore, we criss-crossed back roads through to Wellington , Young, and at 6pm ended up at Bethungra Dam about 20 klicks out of Cootamundra. That evening, we toasted our first night away together, and celebrated Leanne's birthday.

In the morning, upon our departure, Paul's Ranger seemed a bit noiser than usual after an issue the day before – and so we all headed towards Wagga with a quick stop at Junee Licquorish Factory. The six of us met up a bit later in Wagga with Paul & Mel across the road from Denco. We spent most of the day in the car park waiting on a diagnosis; unfortunately it was bad news. We moved to the free camp just on the edge of town on the banks of the river where we spent the night. I lost Pauls jockey wheel winder, and Col blew an intercooler hose. My turbo may or may not be working, and our fridge went flat over night. Chrissy & I found Paul's winder, Col fixed his turbo issue, and in the morning I found the issue of our battery not charging correctly. Further news in the morning meant that Paul & Mel would be staying for put for a little while and catching us up later.

On the morning of Tuesday 9th, we sadly said our byes for now ,and left towards Beechworth. We poorly made a decision on staying at the local caravan park at $48 powered site per night. And we ended up staying two nights. Wednesday we cruised around Beechworth having a look at the place, as well as driving to Yackandandah where we had lunch, and then on to the very busy Myrtleford.

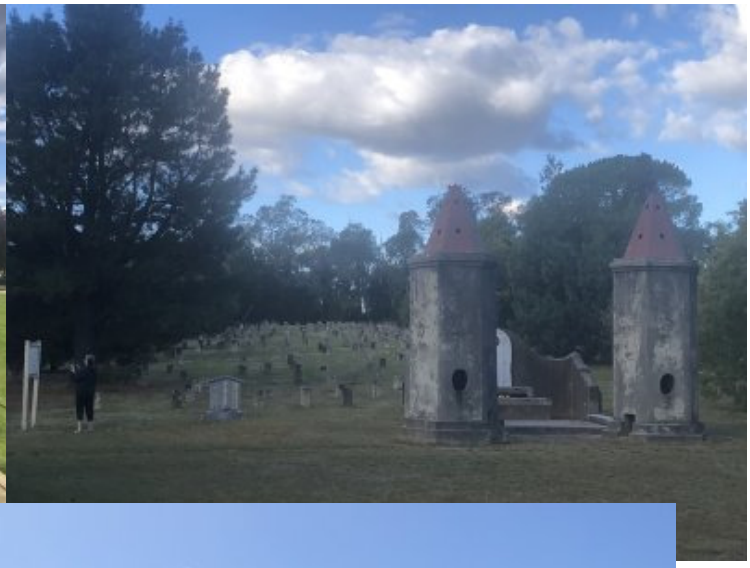
11th Thursday, headed off out of Beechworth through to Whitfield caravan park for the night. 116 kilometres and the ute pulling out little Tvan managed to get 15.9 litres per 100k.

Friday we left bright and early first stopping in at Paradise Falls, Wild Horse Track, Rose River, Pineapple Flat, and Topburn Track to Craig's Hut camping area at around 3pm, and there ended up around 10 or 11 vehicles by the morning. The temperature quickly dropped considerably after the sun had set. Up at 6:20am on 13th (Saturday) morning, along with a few other people, to get photos of the sunrise over the hut – was quite magical. We left the camp area at around 9:30am-ish and slowly headed back towards Whitfield caravan park where we had left our vans/campers, via calling in and seeing a number of other huts & various features. Hovells Lake, etc. 240 kilometres round trip. Sat around the fire that night talking dribblings.

14th (Sunday) we travelled through to Myrtleford via back roads for a coffee break. On to Bright for shopping for food, and then on to up & over Mt Hotham to Omeo. Having booked in a months advanced, the caretakers were awesome enough that they allowed us to take up, essentially 12 caravan spots just for our three vehicles and vans/campers. Meanwhile during the following week, we watched numerous vans and vehicles come and go across from us – all packed in together. Bats were incredibly noisy at the other end of the park. Diesel was $2.15 or $2.19 which a few days later went up to $2.18 and $2.21. Dragging the van up and over Mt Hotham fuel usage increased to around 18 litres

15th (Monday) was a relax day – where Colin cut off a few inches of his back bar, Dave did some work on his Patrol, and I drank a cup of tea.
16th Tuesday To Cassillis to look at the gold mining ruins and the local cemetery. On to Swift Creek for lunch, and a drive via back roads back to Omeo at around 3pm. Via Moscow Villa hut and Washington Winch. Back at camp Col discovered that his bolts in his sway bars were non-existant.
17th Wednesday. I celebrated my 50th birthday by us driving up Blue Rag, and then driving on to Dargo where we had a birthday dinner bash. Diesel was $2.509 a litre and none of us needed any. Upon arriving at the Dargo Pub, the ARB variety bash clan were there – a whole bunch of some 25 plus vehicles. Vehicles everywhere. Within ten or 15 minutes they had all moved on, and left the font of the pub rather empty.
One young bloke had punctured his fuel tank, and I gave him some metal magic steel putty to slow his diesel leak. I think he was happy; not too sure.
18th Thursday. After spending the night in Dargo, we drove back towards Omeo via back roads – calling in on a few huts and Dogs Grave. Two hours to drive 80 klicks type of roads.
On the Friday morning we packed up and finally left Omeo headed towards Tom Groggin. We were going to go via the shortcut, but were unsure of the steepness coming off the side of Mt Pinnabar/Mt Hope, so we ditched the idea and went via tarmac via Corryong. Spent the night on the flat up from the river at Tom Groggin camping area. I did not quite recognise any of the area from the last trip here some 13 years ago.
20th. Saturday : Said our goodbyes to Dave & Karma – they were heading for Jyndabine and then on to Canberra. It was a long slow drive from Tom Groggin to Tumut. Back to first gear for one short 100 metre section on the main tarred road. Thredbo, Berridale, Adaminby, Blowering Dam wall and Tumut 3 power station. Unpowered site at Tumut River side caravan park.
Sunday: Left early to Gundagai. Arrived about 30 minutes later! Dog on tucker box, walked around the town; found a free camp location beside the creek.
Monday: Drove to Wagga where we surprised Paul & Mel who were still there on the river banks. Camped the night with them. Paul & Mel filled us on the many wonderful incidents that happened in their camp ground over the previous fortnight.
Tuesday : Chrissy and I said our goodbyes, plodded along where we had the night at Peak Hill, leaving early the next morning and we were home by Wednesday lunchtime. Approx 2800 kilometres all up. Around $750 to $780 in diesel for those interested.

Wednesday : Col, Leanne, Paul & Mel headed to a free camp out of Bathurst, drove Mount Panorama. They found a vey interesting museum at Cootamundra at the Information Centre. They went on to Wellington Caves, and on Friday spent two nights at a free camp reserve on the river just out of Dubbo. They all arrived home on late Sunday afternoon.



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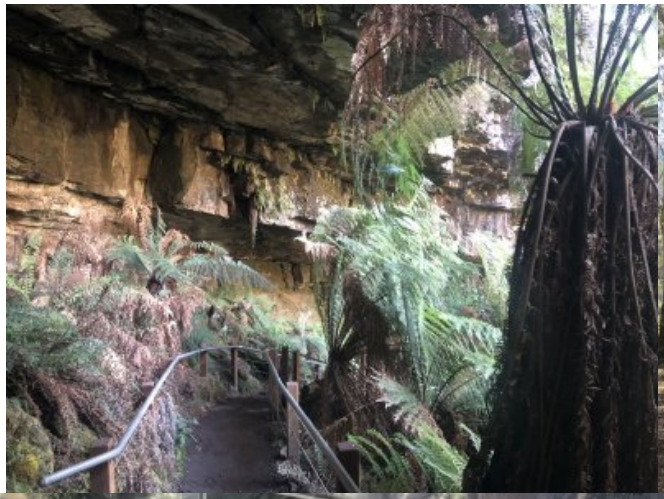

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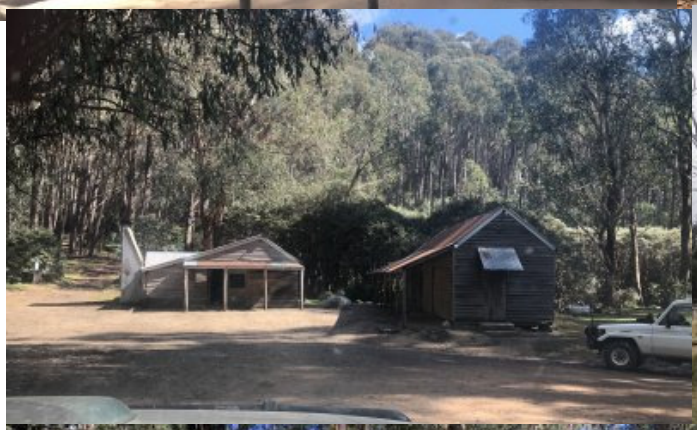

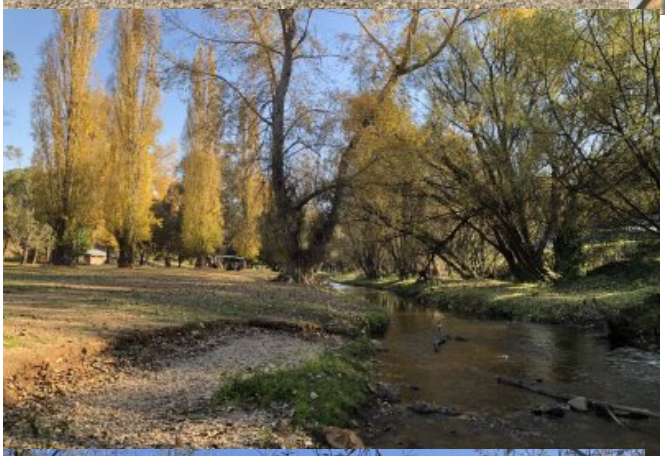

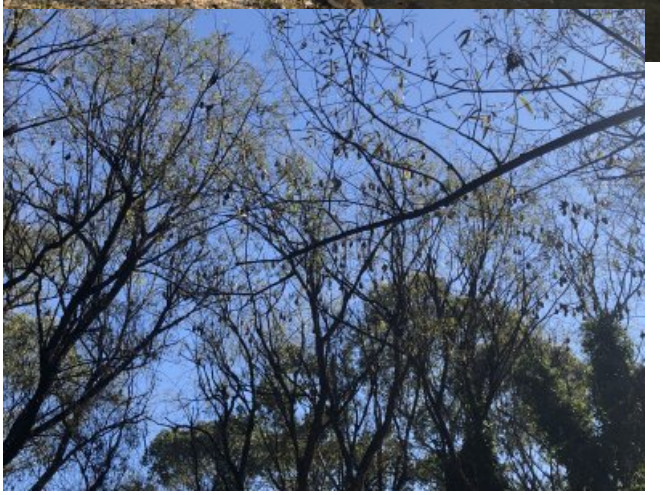

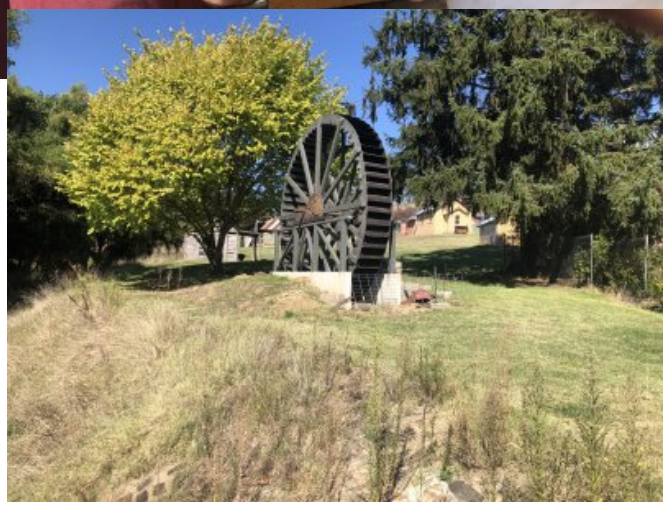

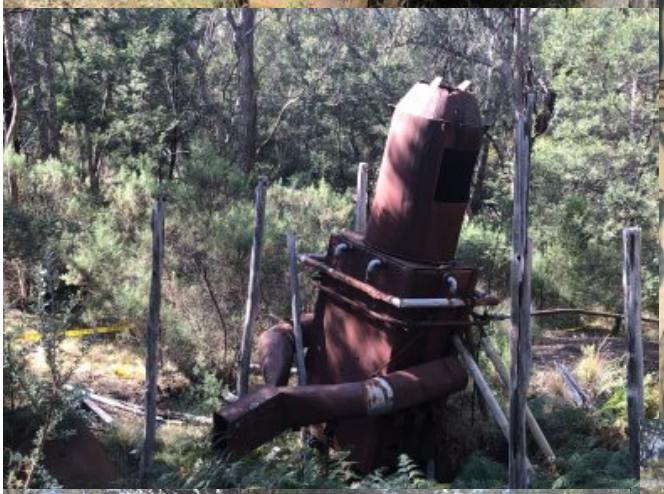

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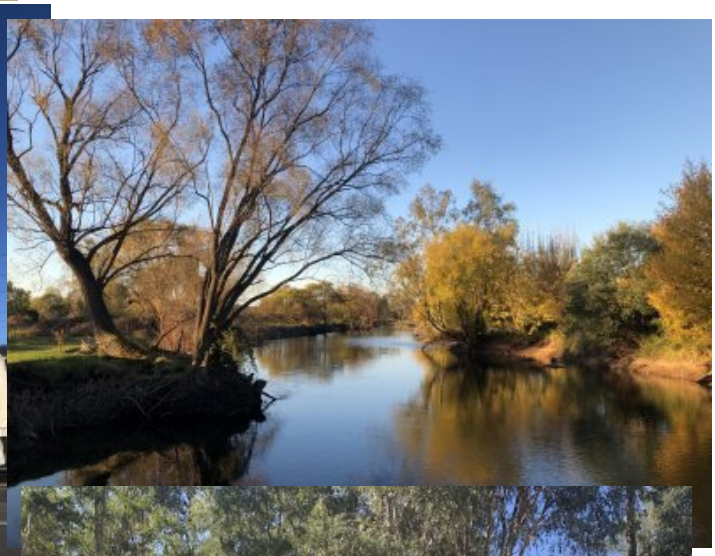

PUCKER BOY

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler. $10.00 each.

Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

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May 18th - 19th

Mudgee NSW

> Cook off on Saturday
> 5.30pm nibbles
> Trivia Saturday night
> Quarterly meeting on Sunday morning (tea and coffee and lunch provided)
> Plenty of powered sites, caravans and camper trailers welcome.
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> $32 per person for 3 nights camping (Fri, Sat, Sun)
> Kids under 15 are free

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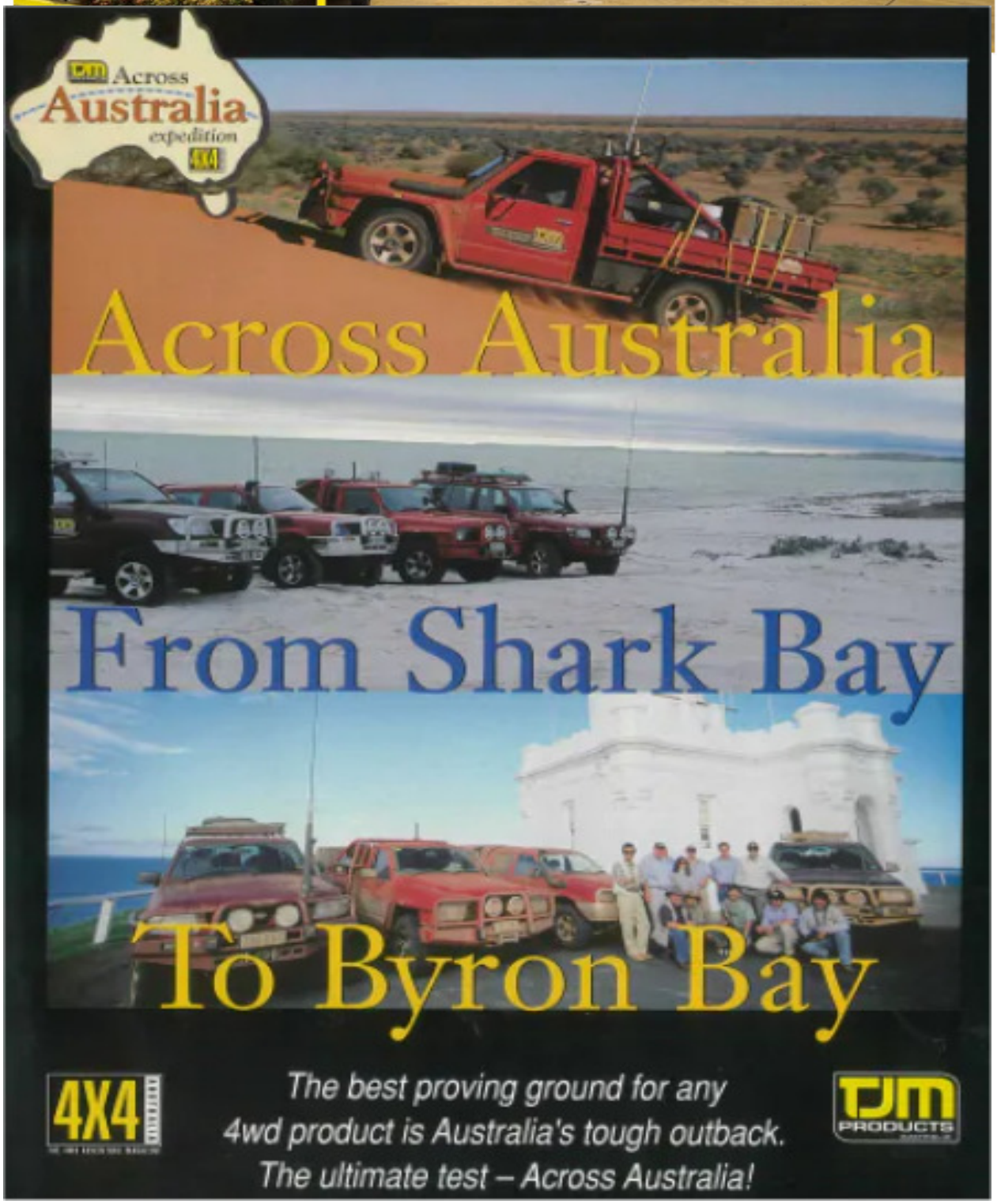
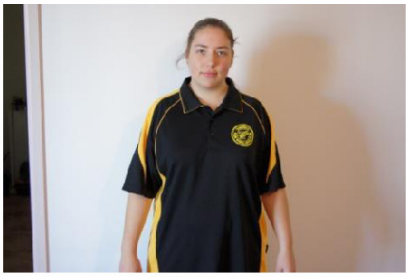
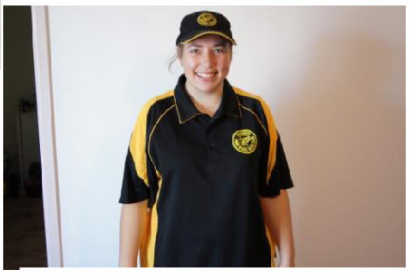
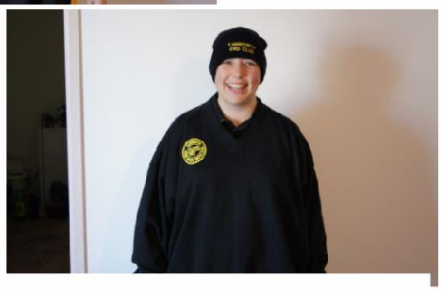


Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



Adults:

- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

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(Leanne) : 0408605343
Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

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Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

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Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

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☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Names of Members:

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Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
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